

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-13 and 16-20.

Add new claims 21 and 22 as set out below.

Claims 14, 15, 21 and 22 are presented in this case for consideration and approval is believed appropriate.

Claims 1-13 (cancelled).

14. (Amended) An apparatus for guarding an overhead door and serving as a vehicle impediment, comprising:

at least one elongated impact absorbing beam;

at least one channel adapted to be secured to a support separate from the at least one beam and positioned to releasably receive at least one part of said at least one beam when the at least one beam is in a closed door position;

at least one lifting member and at least one lifting receiver which are mounted to the door and said at least one beam, and which engage for elevationally moving the beam in response to elevational movement of the door;

a stop configured to be mounted to a surface separate from the beam for blocking said beam from striking said door at an open position thereof;

~~The device of claim 11~~ wherein the at least one beam includes a front surface that is substantially vertical, an inclined surface leading angularly from the front surface to an upwardly curved surface that leads to a top surface.

15. (Amended) The ~~device~~ apparatus of claim 14 wherein the at least one beam includes ends that include box configurations each for reception by a said at least one channel.

Claims 16-20 (cancelled).

21. (New) An apparatus for helping to protect an overhead door mounted in an overhead door opening against vehicular engagements, comprising:

at least one beam of impact resisting construction and adapted to extend across the overhead door opening;

at least one guide not mounted upon the door, said at least one guide being positioned to releasably receive said at least one beam when the beam and overhead door are moved into a closed door position;

at least one lifting member and at least one lifting receiver which are mounted to the door and said at least one beam, and which engage for elevationally moving the beam in response to elevational movement of the door;

a stop configured to be mounted to a surface separate from the beam for blocking said beam from striking said door at an open position thereof;

wherein the at least one beam includes a front surface that is substantially vertical, an inclined surface leading angularly from the front surface to an upwardly curved surface that leads to a top surface.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the at least one beam includes ends that are complementary in configuration for reception by a corresponding receptacle.